

MINUTES

**Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission
1115 Truxtun Ave, 1st Floor
Bakersfield, CA. 93301
Board of Supervisors Chambers**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2024
6:30 P.M.

The Kern County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Commissioner Abler presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner(s): Ryan Abler, District I; William Chapman, District II; and Carol Lair, District III

Absent: Commissioner(s): Lorena Cervantes, District IV and Ucedrah Osby, District V

Staff: Brian Van Wyk, Deputy County Counsel; Isaac Preston, Senior CAO Manager; Michael Deleon, Sheriff's Commander, Kern County Sheriff; and Jason Nelson, Sheriff's Lieutenant, Kern County Sheriff

Others: There were 6 others present

Note: Ab, Ch, La, Ce, and Os are abbreviations for Commissioners Abler, Chapman, Lair, Cervantes, and Osby. As an example, Ab-La denotes Commissioner Abler made a motion and Commissioner Lair seconded the motion.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: LEAD BY COMMISSIONER ABLER

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

- I. **RICH O'NEIL** - WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING THE KERN COUNTY RIPARIAN PRESERVE SIGNAGE
- II. **KATHLEEN ARNOLD CHAMBERS** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER; EXPRESS CONCERN FOR DISCARDED FISHING LINE
- III. **HARRY LOVE** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO EXPRESS CONCERN REGARDING DISCARDED FISHING LINE AND SUPPLY AN EXAMPLE OF A MONOFILAMENT RECYCLING BIN AND REQUEST COUNTY INSTALLATION

- IV. **KATIE WESTMORELAN** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL TRASH BINS AT HART PARK; REQUESTED UPDATE ON A DISC GOLF COURSE AT HERITAGE PARK
- V. **DAVID SCHAD** – WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO VOLUNTEER TO DISPOSE OF FISHING LINE COLLECTED IN THE HART PARK MONOFILAMENT RECYCLING BINS FOLLOWING INSTALLATION

CONSENT AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting on September 18, 2024; Ch:La TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES; 2 ABSENT – CERVANTES; OSBY**
- II. Miscellaneous Correspondence: Written Correspondence dated October 5, 2024, submitted by Carol Lair. Ch:La TO RECEIVE AND FILE; MOTION CARRIED. **3 AYES; 1 ABSENT-OSBY**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

General Services – Status Update

- I. **PROPOSAL TO RENAME LAKE ISABELLA DOG PARK** - ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION PROPOSE THE RENAMING OF THE DOG PARK IN LAKE ISABELLA AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NOVEMBER 20, 2024, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
- II. **HERITAGE PARK**- ISAAC PRESTON, SENIOR CAO MANAGER, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO REPORT THAT A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2024

Park Ranger – Status Update

- I. MICHAEL DELEON, SHERIFF'S COMMANDER, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE A PARK RANGER UPDATE AND REPORT THAT THE ORDINANCE REDEFINING THE PARK RANGERS HAS BEEN CODIFIED
- II. JASON NELSON, SHERIFF'S LIEUTENANT, KERN COUNTY SHERIFF, WAS PRESENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PARK RANGER ACQUISITIONS

NEW, UNFINISHED, AND OTHER BUSINESS

- I. Commissioner Chapman requested information on OHV Green Sticker Grant Funds process; **INFORMATION TO BE POSTED IN FEBRUARY 2025 FOR THE 2025/2026 GRANT CYCLE**
- II. Commissioner Chapman requested a report on salary allocated to the part-time director contracted at the Kern River Parkway Nature Center through District III funding; **THERE IS CURRENTLY NO SALARIED EMPLOYEES STAFF AT THE KERN RIVER PARKWAY NATURE CENTER**
- III. Commissioner Lair requested information on posting signage at Hart Park regarding fishing line disposal; **GENERAL SERVICES TO DISCUSS INTERNALLY**
- IV. Upcoming Commission meeting locations as per code §2.50.060(D); **THE COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO HOLD THE NOVEMBER 20, 2024 MEETING AT THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER LOCATED AT 1115 TRUXTUN AVE., 1ST FLOOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301**

COMMISSION MEMBER PRESENTATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. COMMISSIONER LAIR PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE HART PARK WORKING GROUP

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 7:11 P.M. to the next regular meeting, scheduled for November 20, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1115 Truxtun Ave. 1st Floor, Bakersfield, CA. 93301 unless otherwise indicated, changed, and/or canceled by the Commission.